USF SP Celebrates 34th Commencement
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Sunday's commencement ceremony was a celebration of many successes for USF St. Petersburg students and faculty. It was a time to celebrate with 366 graduates of USF St. Petersburg.

In the Spring Class of 2004, 120 students graduated from the College of Arts & Sciences, 119 from the College of Business, 110 from the College of Education and 15 from Marine Science, along with those from other USF colleges. Three graduates received doctoral degrees, three from Marine Science and one from Education.

The Pinellas County Alumni Association awarded Dinara Newman the Outstanding Graduate Award, one of the campus' highest honors. A political science major, Newman was born in St. Petersburg, Russia and graduated from USF St. Petersburg in Florida. She graduated with a 3.96 GPA and interned with Presidential Candidate Dennis Kucinich during the New Hampshire Primary with the Road to the White House Class. Locally, she interned with Congressman Jim Davis.

Sixty students graduated with academic honors, including King O'Neal Scholar Roxanna Paulin. Paulin was recognized for achieving a 4.0 every semester of her college experience.

It was also a time to celebrate the Journalism and Media Studies Program of Distinction for attaining full accreditation. Friday's meeting of the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication sanctioned USF St. Petersburg's program for six years.